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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, April 29, 1999

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED, VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUC990034

To classify its National
Directory Assistance Service
as Competitive

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE AND HEARING

On March 5, 1999, GTE South Incorporated, Virginia ("GTE-South") filed a tariff to introduce its new National Directory Assistance service¹ and a request that this service be classified as competitive pursuant to Paragraph 17 of the GTE South Alternative Regulatory Plan ("Plan"). As required by that paragraph of the Plan, GTE-South notified the Attorney General and all certificated interexchange carriers.

The Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed, and that GTE-South should furnish notice to all affected parties pursuant to § 56-235.5 E of the Code of Virginia and Paragraph 17 of the Plan. Prior to convening a hearing, the Commission finds that all parties should be afforded the opportunity to prefile testimony that addresses not only the proposed competitive classification of the National

¹ Pursuant to the tariff filing, this service went into effect April 4, 1999.

Directory Assistance Service but also whether GTE-South should be required to incorporate into this service a price announcement with each call to its National Directory Assistance service. The Commission also finds the parties should be permitted to address other rate design issues as necessary in this case. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990034.

(2) A hearing to consider GTE-South's National Directory Assistance Service is scheduled for June 23, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission's Courtroom on the Second Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

(3) GTE-South shall forthwith cause a copy of the following notice to be sent by first-class mail to all affected parties, to include interexchange carriers and providers of competitive local exchange services.

NOTICE TO AFFECTED PARTIES THAT GTE-SOUTH
INCORPORATED, VIRGINIA, PROPOSES TO CLASSIFY
ITS NATIONAL DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE
AS COMPETITIVE - CASE NO. PUC990034

On March 5, 1999, GTE South Incorporated, Virginia, ("GTE-South") filed a request that its proposed National Directory Assistance Service be classified as competitive under Paragraph 17 of the GTE South Alternative Regulatory Plan ("Plan").

A hearing to consider the classification of this service as competitive, whether a price announcement should be required, and other rate design matters has been scheduled in the Commission's Second Floor Courtroom, Tyler building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, June 23, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. GTE-South is to file any direct testimony and any exhibits it considers necessary to support its proposal on or before May 24, 1999.

On or before June 4, 1999, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a protestant, pursuant to SCC Rule 4:6 shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of protest as described in SCC Rule 5:16(a) with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth below and serve a copy on GTE-South's Assistant Vice President for Regulatory & Governmental Affairs, Stephen C. Spencer, Three James Center, Suite 1200, 1051 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Any protestant shall file on or before June 4, 1999, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a protest, together with direct testimony and exhibits, with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission at the address listed below and simultaneously serve a copy thereof upon the Company and upon any other protestant. The protest shall set forth (i) a precise statement of the interest of the protestant in the proceeding; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts which the protestant is prepared to prove by competent evidence; and (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought and the legal basis therefore.

Any person wishing to submit written comments about the proposed classifications should direct those comments to Joel Peck, Clerk, Virginia State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, P.O.

Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and refer to case No PUC990034. Such comments shall be filed before the hearing scheduled above.

GTE South Incorporated, Virginia

(4) On or before May 24, 1999, GTE-South shall file proof of the notice prescribed above together with a list of all the persons to whom the notice was mailed.

(5) On or before May 24, 1999, GTE-South shall file any direct testimony and exhibits it considers necessary, but, at a minimum, GTE-South must show that it has complied with Paragraphs (6) and (17) of its Plan.

(6) On or before June 4, 1999, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a protestant shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Protest with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission pursuant to Rule 4:6, together with direct testimony and exhibits.

(7) On or before June 17, 1999, the Commission's Staff shall file any direct testimony and exhibits that it considers proper.

(8) Rebuttal testimony and exhibits concerning the prefiled direct testimony and exhibits of any participant will be received by the Commission ore tenus during the June 23, 1999, hearing.